

Energize Ohio: Building Ohio's Energy Future

Purpose

Energize Ohio is a multidisciplinary program that addresses a wide range of energy education topics including shale energy, renewable energy, energy policy, on-farm energy, youth education, landowner leasing, and sustainable community planning. The curriculum consists of worksheets, presentation materials, workshop materials, bulletins, fact sheets, marketing templates, and evaluation tools. The ultimate goal of Energize Ohio is to enhance community leaders' and local residents' knowledge of energy drivers and development in order to promote informed decision-making and best practices.

Impact

In 2013, OSU Extension taught more than 500 Ohioans how to prepare for, attract, and develop potential renewable energy projects.

In 2013, OSU Extension and the OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC) combined to deliver 35 programs, reaching 2,334 people, on shale energy-related topics.

In 2013, Energize Ohio team members were very active in forging partnerships, developing, and submitting funding proposals. In total, five proposals were funded, committing roughly \$345,240 to support renewable and shale energy research, outreach, and education.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

OSUE - Community Development

OSUE - Agriculture and Natural Resources

OSUE - Family & Consumer Sciences

OSUE - 4-H Youth Development

OSUE Shale Work Group

School of Environment and Natural Resources

Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics

C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy

Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC)

OSU Center of Automotive Research

Ohio Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Team

Ohio Bio-Products Innovation Center (OBIC)

Community Partners Involved

Energize Ohio Programs delivered in more than 38 counties across Ohio.

Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

Guernsey County Planning Committee

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